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Corps awards 2nd contract for KVK deepening

As part of what is considered to be the biggest dredging project ever undertaken in New York Harbor, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District today announced the award of the second contract for work to deepen the Kill van Kull and Newark Bay Channels.

A total of nine contracts will be awarded for the project, expected to cost \$733 million and be completed by 2004.

The cost-shared project with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will deepen the federal channels to 45 feet from their current depth of 40 feet. The contract awarded today calls for dredging on the easternmost end of the Kill van Kull, where it meets the Upper New York Bay, and westward along the north side of the channel off Constable Hook, Bayonne, N.J.

The work for this section of the project will be completed by K Bean/Stuyvesant, a joint venture based in Belle Chaise, La. The cost for this contract is set at \$13.86 million. For this contract, construction should be completed in the summer of 2001.

It is estimated that for this contract, 800,000 cubic yards of material will be dredged. About a quarter of the material will be placed at the Sandy Hook Artificial Reef site off the national park in New Jersey. The non-rock material will be placed at the Historic Area Remediation Site approximately six miles off the coast of Sandy Hook.

The Army Corps of Engineers is paying 75 percent of the project's costs and the Port Authority is paying the balance. For this contract, the Corps is paying \$10.4 million, and the Port Authority, the remaining \$3.4 million.

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